

Forest Land-Gadchiroli

Diversion of 1.803 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for Trenching and laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable Line passing within RoW of existing road.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-36A22/CR.199/F-10**
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date: 21.09.2022

Reference:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur
Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal / Gadchiroli /ID-13242/767/2022-23, dt.29.06.2022.

Preamble:-

M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 1.803 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Trenching and laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within RoW of existing road NH-130D from Bandiya River to Allpalli in Tal. Aheri & Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli to the State Forest Department.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-principle**' approval to the diversion of 1.803 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Trenching and laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within RoW of existing road NH-130D from Bandiya River to Allpalli in Tal. Aheri & Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Details of Land Required for Laying Underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in ROW of NH-130 D from Bandiya River to Allapalli in Aheri and Etapalli Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli								
Sr.No	Taluka	Village Name	New Comp No.	Survey No./Gut.No.	Length (Meter)	Width (Meter)	Area (Ha.)	Legal Status
1	Aheri	Alapalli	1744		70.39	0.5	0.004	PF
2	Aheri	Alapalli	81		2482.94	0.5	0.124	RF
3	Aheri	Alapalli	1907		330.11	0.5	0.017	PF
4	Aheri		1		1728.11	0.5	0.086	RF
5	Aheri		8		1090.19	0.5	0.055	RF
6	Aheri		9		1889.34	0.5	0.094	RF
7	Aheri		10		774.61	0.5	0.039	RF
8	Aheri		66		1128.10	0.5	0.056	RF
9	Aheri	Talwada	1809		1275.33	0.5	0.064	PF
10	Aheri		34		1943.55	0.5	0.097	RF

11	Aheri		35		1880.18	0.5	0.094	RF
12	Aheri		76,77		1838.18	0.5	0.092	RF
13	Aheri	Mikal	1703		1582.99	0.5	0.079	PF
14	Aheri	Medpalli	699		1293.41	0.5	0.065	RF
15	Aheri	Medpalli	1359		566.38	0.5	0.028	RF
16	Aheri	Medpalli	1360		1171.22	0.5	0.059	RF
17	Aheri		691		4070.44	0.5	0.204	RF
18	Aheri	Koreli kh	692		779.69	0.5	0.039	RF
19	Aheri	Arenda	1370,1 371		1851.40	0.5	0.093	RF
20	Aheri	Pirmili	1354		608.31	0.5	0.030	RF
21	Aheri	Pirmili	696		1796.63	0.5	0.090	RF
22	Aheri	Aldandi		118,206, 205,203, 212,123			0.000	
23	Aheri	Aldandi	1602, 1600		1660.44	0.5	0.083	PF
24	Aheri	ChandraM	1605		330.21	0.5	0.017	PF
25	Aheri	Chandra S		7,14,13,8			0.000	
26	Aheri	Chandra S	1316, 1313		1035.42	0.5	0.052	PF
27	Aheri	Chandra S	694		597.68	0.5	0.030	PF
28	Aheri	Chandra S		212,214,59,2			0.000	
29	Aheri	Chandra S	1334		386.70	0.5	0.019	RF
30	Etapalli		1551		1867.36	0.5	0.093	RF
Total Forest Area (in Ha)							1.803	

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land for diversion along with Stage-I compliance.
- 3) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 1.65 meters depth & 0.5 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
- 4) The land under project will be reclaimed by the User Agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 5) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.

- 6) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 7) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 8) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 9) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 10) The User Agency shall pay the cost of Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 11) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 12) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 13) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 14) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 15) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
- 16) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
- 17) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 18) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
- 19) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
- 20) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
- 21) In case, the proposed area falls in the RoW of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife should be obtained.
- 22) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
- 23) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This Government resolution of Maharashtra Government is available at the website www.maharashtra.gov.in. Reference no. for this is 202209211758063619. This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhav)
Under Secretary

Copy to:-

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6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
7. Collector, Gadchiroli.
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10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Allapalli.
11. M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Nagpur.
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